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I'd like to add a few words to what Judy has said.

I'm also covered by Medicare, and I'm grateful for it. I had no health insurance for most of my life, because I was self-employed in the wood business, and in sugaring, and I just couldn't afford it. When the V-HAP program started in the mid- 90's, that was the first time in many years I went to a primary care doctor & had a physical. Like Judy, I've had some long wait-times for a specialist: most notably a dermatologist, to take care of skin cancer. While it turned out to need a more complicated procedure, partly because of the amount of time that had passed, I also was aware of how much worse it all could have been if this had happened in the days when I couldn't afford to go to a primary care doctor for a check-up and referral in the first place.

Being able to see a primary care doctor with no cost at point of service is what every Vermonter should be able to have. This is the most basic health care there is, and we all need it.

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